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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: CASC, TU
SUBJECT: DRAFT PRISONER TRANSFER TREATY

1. EMBOFF SPOKE WITH MFA COUNSELOR SECTION CHIEF GORKEN ABOUT OUR INTEREST IN MOVING FORWARD ON A PRISONER TRANSFER TREATY. GORKEN HAD SEEN THE TEXT AND THOUGHT AT FIRST GLANCE IT WOULD BE GENERALLY ACCEPTABLE TO THE GOT, AND THAT ANY PROBLEMS WOULD BE "MINOR".

2. ACCORDING TO GORKEN, HOWEVER, THE MFA WAS CONCERNED BY REPORTS FROM ESENBEL ABOUT CONGRESSIONAL PRESSURE AND LINKAGE BETWEEN THE PRISONER TREATY AND THE EMBARGO. GORKEN FELT THE TREATY WOULD BE A SIMPLE MATTER TO HANDLE IF IT DID NOT DEVELOP INTO A POLITICAL ISSUE ON A PAR AND LINKED WITH THE EMBARGO. CONGRESSIONAL INTERVENTION, HE SAID, HAS NOT BEEN HELPFUL, AND THE GOT WOULD NOT ALLOW ITSELF TO APPEAR TO BE BENDING TO OUTSIDE PRESSURE.

3. COMMENT: GORKEN'S REMARKS ILLUSTRATE OUR PROBLEM HERE AS ADDITIONAL EMBARGO "LINKAGES" ARE CREATED. WE WILL CONTINUE TO PUSH THE GOT HARD FOR ACTION ON THE PRISONER
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TREATY BUT BELIEVE THAT FOR THE PRESENT WE SHOULD DEAL WITH ISSUE ON ITS OWN MERITS, AND NOT EMPHASIZE ITS CONNECTION WITH THE EMBARGO ISSUE (A POINT ALREADY WELL UNDERSTOOD BY ECEVIT AND ELEKDAG.)
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